

when I learned of  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
I felt I had to  
communicate my  
concern.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. Without a  
balanced perspective  
like showing an  
alternative  
documentary "Going  
Upriver" this  
demonstrates a clear  
violation of the  
public interest.  
When large companies  
control the airwaves  
there is a danger of  
the monopolization  
of political  
expression.  
Consolidation can  
lead to a perversion  
of democracy as  
media conglomerates  
pay attention to the  
bottom line and not  
the public interest.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.